

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

### Grades

This guide uses the Ewbank scale for route grades, and the V scale for boulder grades. Both are commonly used throughout New Zealand. Both scales seek to communicate the overall difficulty of a climb through a single number. As such, the grades are inevitably imprecise, always subjective and open to (sometimes wild and passionate) debate. The grades in this guide are based on the views of the authors. Where possible, the authors have sought to ensure that grades are consistent, across all areas covered in the guide and with major climbing areas in New Zealand. But no guarantees are given, so don't let the grade of a climb in this guide spoil your day. If you think it's 28, you might well be right.

### Stars

This guide uses a star system to denote climbs of above average quality. As with grading, this is a subjective assessment by the authors, factoring a mixture of tangible and intangible qualities. Broadly, the scale applied is:

- ★★ The climb has all or most of the following qualities: It looks great, it climbs well, it has excellent quality rock, it has some individuality or uniqueness, it has a significant history, it's in a great setting.
- ★ The climb has many 'three star' qualities, but perhaps lacks a little *je ne sais quoi*.
- ★ An above average climb, with a couple of 'three star' qualities.

### Route Descriptions

Please be aware that route lengths and line-tops are approximations only. Grades for multi-pitch routes are listed by pitch. Where a route has been equipped by someone other than the first ascensionist, the equipper is credited separately. No convention has been followed for listing first ascensionists where there are multiple names.

### Map Legend



Carparking area.



Public toilet.



Indicates location of commonly used accommodation: camping area, hut or lodge.



State Highway (SH) symbol.

Mayan Smith-Gobat cruises *My Little One* (24), Pencil Dick Wall.  
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